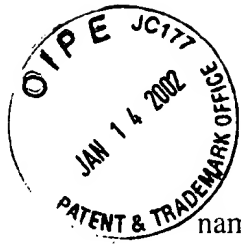


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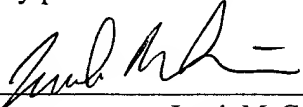
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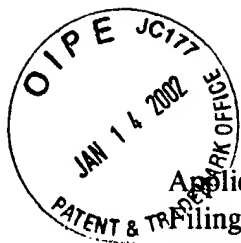
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LoudCloud, Inc., a California corporation, through its undersigned representative, states that it is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application, as reflected in the Assignment attached hereto.

LoudCloud, Inc. hereby appoints the registered practitioners associated with Customer Number 21839 (the law firm of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P.) as its attorneys, with full power to prosecute and transact all business with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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